MoU for quality of medicines

4075. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a joint working group of the India Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) and the Us Pharmacopoeia (USP) has been constituted to work towards evolving standards for quality, safety and efficacy of medicines in the country;

(b) if so, whether Memorandum of Understanding between IPC and USP was signed during August, 2006; and

(c) if so, what were the main aims of the MoU and to what extent both countries have agreed to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Main aims of the MoU are as follows:

(i) promote cooperation between the Parties;

(ii) improve transfer and exchange of information between the Parties;

(iii) increase awareness of the importance of the quality, safety and efficacy of medicine;

(iv) establish the basis for a long-term relationship.

Obesity due to junk food

†4076. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the report that the problems of obesity amongst school going children is increasing due to consumption of fast food;

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